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# Dahlias

1935

HAMILTON'S  
DAHLIA  
GARDENS

HOLLY, MICHIGAN





## By Way of Introduction

Greetings, dahlia fans. We find ourselves embarking on another year of dahlia growing, in our estimation one of the most interesting of hobbies.

It is our hope that this catalog will reach many fans we have never contacted before, therefore, we must introduce ourselves. We are located in Holly, a small town in central Michigan. Forty-five miles northwest of Detroit. As you have probably noted, Michigan is becoming noted for its hardy roots and the friendly cooperation of its commercial growers. In our case, our gardens are the result of an overgrown hobby that every year grows larger. Our stock is carefully culled and if it does not give thorough satisfaction we want to hear about it.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

We would suggest that you order early to insure delivery on the stock you want as some of our stock is limited.

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Our collections are worth your consideration. For the new growers our collection No. 1 contains four of the best varieties for the beginner. They are all recognized as good standard varieties and they aren't as temperamental as some of the later varieties.

For the benefit of those growers who are going to take up this most interesting of hobbies for the first time, we think that a word of explanation in regard to green plants might be welcomed. Green plants are "cuttings" from the roots, started in the greenhouse in February or even a little later. They are rooted and by June 1st they are ready for planting. At planting time the foliage is about from 4 to 6 inches high. Planted in the Spring, they will produce blooms and roots exactly as a root would. We ship plants in a paper pot, placed in a stiff cardboard shipping box. Plants are very seldom damaged in shipping if they are properly packed.

The advantage of plants is that they cost only half the price of roots, giving the same results.

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We would also like to call attention to our pompons and minatures. Many people prefer these smaller varieties as they are very prolific and are more adaptable to inside decoration than the big fellows. They also stand up well after cutting. A few hills of these varieties do not take up much room and their dainty little blooms will keep your house well supplied with color.

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We heartily recommend the following bulletins as being very instructive. They will keep you well posted with the doings of the dahlia world. Dahlia Society of Michigan bulletin, a quarterly \$2.00 membership to the society sent to C. E. Wildon, secretary of the society, East Lansing, Michigan, will bring it to you. American Dahlia Society bulletin, a quarterly—may be obtained by sending an additional dollar with your Michigan Dahlia Society membership fee for an affiliated membership in the American Dahlia society. Another fine purveyor of dahlia happenings is the Mid-West Dahlia News. A dollar sent to D. O. Eldridge in care of the publication will bring you this fine quarterly edited by Mr. Eldridge and Charles G. Reed, both are outstanding men in the dahlia world of today. Address the Mid-West Dahlia News, Madison, Wis.

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Varieties preceded by the asterisk (\*) are 1934 and 1935 introductions.

## **Amelia Earhart—S. C.**

This gorgeous dahlia was a consistent winner wherever shown, having two American Home Achievement Medals and many other prizes to its credit. Color is apricot buff with salmon tints shading to soft yellow at base of petals. One might picture it as an improved Edna Ferber of large size, better stems, and with more gold and less rose shadings. **Plants, \$2.50**

## **\*America's Sweetheart—I. D.**

The greatest of all yellow dahlias for 1935. A pure yellow without a particle of shading. Even the outer petals do not fade out like those in the most dahlias. Many of the petals are double serrated and curl and twist, and, as the bloom develops, they fall back to the stem, reminding one of a gigantic chrysanthemum. The bloom is held almost on top of an absolutely stiff stem. The bush is of medium height. It is in a class by itself—a very full bloom with high center that grows up to a foot across in the open field without irrigation or fertilizer. With fertilizer it grows much larger. **Plants, \$12.50**

## **\*Arcturus—F. D.**

Scarlet red suffused deep golden yellow. The plants make a uniform sturdy growth. Size is large, making an all-around good variety. **Plants, \$3.00**

## **Bagdad—I. D.**

Flaming scarlet red. This vividly colored flower will brighten up any garden. Large blooms on long stems. A tall plant very prolific. **Roots, \$.75. Plants, \$.50**

## **Betty Colter—I. D.**

Light salmon red shading to old rose. Selected by Derrill Hart for the '31 Roll of Honor. Unusually fine stems support the large beautiful blooms. A husky plant with insect resisting foliage.

**Roots, \$2.00. Plants, \$1.00**

## **\*Bette Davis—S. C.**

A much needed color of clear deep violet-rose; fine long stems, graceful foliage; free bloomer of excellent exhibition flowers. Winner of many prizes and the American Home Achievement Medal. 1934 Honor Roll. Another dahlia that made an astonishing record in the show room this year. This originator is like the horseman with two championship colts in his stable, with the winner the one which was in best condition at the time. This dahlia and Kay Francis have fought it out here and there all fall. **Plants, \$5.00**

## **Blue Train—F. D.**

A fine shade of blue purple, on great stems. A dahlia that will grow any place and insects let alone; will carry a great number of 9 to 12 inch blooms.

**Plants, \$1.00**

## **\*Buckeye King—F. D.**

Gold—a sensation at the Chicago and Cincinnati shows in '33. Chosen for Derrill Hart's Honor Roll for that year. **Plants, \$3.00**

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## \***Buckeye Queen—F. D.**

A lavender formal decorative of great substance and size. The variety is as useful for cutting as for exhibition.

Plants, \$7.50

## \***Cadet—S. C.**

Light Primrose yellow. The petals are not only well placed but numerous enough as to make it graceful. The plants will grow large on a straight stalk. Very outstanding in the garden. Try it.

Plants, \$3.75

## **Cameo—F. D.**

Bright old rose pink. Derrill Hart says: "Here my choice would fall if I had to pick out the most unusual and pleasing color among the novelties shown in 1932. It is a long-stemmed, large flower with a luscious color effect. It is distinctive!"

Plants, \$1.00

## \***Cavalcade—F. D.**

Old rose and mulberry pink. This flower looks like the best of its type since the introduction of Jersey's Beauty. The stems are perfect and the plant does not seem to have a flaw. Try it.

Plants, \$5.00

## **Chamoeig—F. D.**

Canary yellow and salmon pink.

Plants, \$.50

## \***City of Royal Oak—S. C.**

Russet salmon. Selected by Derrill Hart for the 1933 Honor Roll. A full high centered flower and a fine grower.

Plants, \$2.50

## **Cloudland Gem—F. D.**

White overlaid with pinkish lavender. A truly beautiful flower. The delicate shading of the petals gives the flower an effect of rare beauty. Good husky plant growth.

Roots, \$.50

## \***Daddy Kemp—I. D.**

A most spectacular flower of immense size, often 14 inches and over across and 5 to 7 inches in depth; color is a rich purplish red, should be grown to four canes. This dahlia has been given a thorough test in New Jersey, Michigan, Rhode Island and on Long Island and has been outstanding wherever grown. It was unfortunate that weather conditions kept it from being shown in quantity at New York. Won as Best and Largest Bloom, Red Bank, 1933.

Plants \$5.00

## **Dancing Sultana—S. C.**

Oriental lacquer red with golden sheen. Artistically twisted petals. Good sized blooms with fine keeping qualities.

Roots, \$.75. Plants, \$.50

## **Dwight Morrow—I. D.**

Velvety red. A beautifully shaped flower, the petals curl back so that the back of the flower is hidden.

Plants, \$.75

## **Eagle Rock Fantasy—I. D.**

Clear mallow pink. A flower that has everything. Blooms are of gigantic size beautifully formed and delicately shaded. You can't go wrong on this variety.

Roots, \$2.00. Plants, \$1.00

## **Eagle Rock Peach—D.**

A flower of large size and beauty. Good stems.

Plants, \$5.00

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## **Eagle Rock Superba—F. D.**

Light amaranth pink. Considered by some to be superior in color. Another of the fine line of Eagle Rocks all of which are good.

**Roots, \$2.00. Plants, \$1.00**

## **\*Elinor Radell—I. D.**

Shell pink shading to deep rose. Certificate of Merit at Storrs and selected for the 1933 Honor Roll. It is a fine clean growing dahlia and these two awards testify as to its merits.

**Plants, \$1.00**

## **\*Elissa Landi—F. D.**

1934 introduction that has proved a great success. It is a formal decorative with a slight wave in the petals. A brilliant coral, fine foliage, good growth, and an exceptionally good keeper. This large, deep flower has been greatly admired and has proven a very valuable addition to the formal decorative class.

**Plants, \$2.50**

## **Elite Glory—F. D.**

Red—excellent for exhibition.

**Plants, \$.50**

## **\*Elisabeth Taylor White—S. C.**

Lemon yellow with tints of apricot yellow. It's a good cut flower and its keeping qualities make it very popular

**Plants, \$2.00**

## **Florence Florey—S. C.**

Dark Maroon.

**Plants, \$.50**

## **Girl of Hillcrest—I. D.**

Mikado Orange. The flowers are of great depth borne on long stiff stems. **Roots, \$1.00. Plants, \$.50**

## **\*Golden Eclipse—F. D.**

Clear gold shading to salmon. In his Honor Roll for 1932, Derrill Hart describes this flower as a glorified Sagamore. Its list of winnings and awards is long and creditable.

**Plants, \$2.50**

## **\*Golden Heart—F. D.**

Pure golden yellow. Large blooms held on good stems. A hearty grower. **Roots, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50**

## **\*Grandee—I. D.**

Light Spanish red shaded orange yellow. Winner of the 1933 American Home Achievement Medal at San Francisco and largest flower at the California Flower Festival. As Grandee grew at Lawrence, Mass., Mr. Reed said he never saw a dahlia that produced so many large blooms throughout the season. Beautiful coloring, good formation, first class stem, are all present in this dahlia. It is, of course, on the Roll of Honor and we quote what Mr. Hart says about it: "Grandee is a very large flower of a striking combination of Spanish red and golden yellow. The reverse of the petals shows a blush of russet red. "Great" is indeed the right adjective to use here. It has individuality..

**Plants, \$5.00**

## **Great Harbor—I. D.**

Carmine red. An intense deep color that attracts immediate attention and continued admiration. Very large blooms held on long stiff stems. **Plants, \$.75**

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## \***Golden Hoard—I. D.**

Another dahlia that grows to immense size in the open field. Eleven and twelve inch blooms are common. With fertilizer and irrigation it makes some of the "big ones" look like miniatures. The color is a most beautiful old gold with reverse of petals showing a faint tinge of pink. The stem is long and straight—ten inches to first set of leaves—and holds the bloom high above a very vigorous bush of medium height.

Plants, \$5.00

## \***Harriet Neale—I. D.**

This large dahlia with fine stem is a pure gold color with no shadings. It is a free flowering sort and has an ideal habit. On Mr. Hart's Honor Roll.

Plants, \$5.00

## **Helen Ivins—F. D.**

Orchid lavender.

Plants, \$.50

## \***Hillcrest Fluffy Ruffles—I. D.**

The color of this new Dahlia is hard to describe—we would call it a soft apricot—a beautiful new shade in dahlias. As the name indicates, the blooms are very artistic and unusual and the petals have a waxy, almost artificial, appearance. A profuse bloomer and the growing habits are perfect—strong, healthy, insect-resisting. We are glad to endorse it as one of the recent outstanding dahlias.

Plants, \$2.50

## **Hillcrest Mandarin—I. D.**

Oriental scarlet and golden yellow. Derrill Hart says in his Honor Roll of 1932: "A big flashy flower, one of the brightest color combinations I have ever seen in a dahlia. The plant is a thrifty grower and a free bloomer."

Roots, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50

## \***Hillcrest Nugget—I. C.**

Autumn shade. We saw this flower growing at East Lansing in the trial grounds. No flower in years has impressed us so well. An unusual petal formation which is very striking. Immense blooms are held aloft on extra sturdy stems. Very hearty growth. Its record includes Certificate of Merit at East Lansing, Achievement Medal at West Virginia and a place on Derrill Hart's 1934 Honor Roll. These should be ample testimony as to the flower's quality.

Plants, \$5.00

## \***Honor Bright—F. D.**

Received Certificate at Storrs in 1933. 1934 Honor Roll. The beauty of this dahlia lies in its unusual color, a coral rose with tints of amber shading to real coral red at the center. Good keeper on good stems.

Plants, \$3.00

## **Ida Perkins—F. D.**

Pure white.

Plants, \$.50

## **Jane Cowl—I. D.**

Bronze buff and old gold. A grand old champion that still holds its place. It is welcomed in every garden and every flower show. Large gracefully shaped blooms held on strong stems. Resistant to insects and has excellent growing habits.

Roots, \$.50

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## **James Kirby—I. D.**

Rich cardinal red. A 1932 Honor Roll flower. Because of its striking color and the size of its blooms it is a valuable addition to the reds.

**Roots, \$2.00. Plants, \$1.00**

## **Jean Trimbee—S. C.**

Petunia violet. A tall, long-stemmed variety. The large flowers are held high. A very free bloomer.

**Roots, \$1.00. Plants, \$.50**

## **Jersey's Beacon—F. D.**

Chinese scarlet. An old reliable. **Roots, \$.35**

## **Jersey's Beauty—F. D.**

True pink. One of the most famous of the old dahlias. Long stiff stems, prolific bloomer. Good keeper. No garden is complete without this flower. **Roots, \$.35**

## **Jersey's Buttercup—F. D.**

Picric yellow. Prolific bloomer. **Plants, \$.50**

## **Jim Moore—I. D.**

Clear primrose yellow. **Plants, \$.50**

## **Karl Bonawitz—S. C.**

Carmine red. One you will like. **Plants, \$.50**

## **\*Kay Francis—S. C.**

Light lemon yellow; very prolific; early bloomer; is a fine keeper and can be cut with very long but not bulky stems; husky grower without faults. This wonderful exhibition dahlia is a winner of 11 firsts and was awarded the Achievement Medal at New York and Camden, N. J. Kay Francis has the best of all qualities, beauty. It is a true type flower of clear golden yellow, one-toned throughout. The blooms are deep with a high, attractively formed center. It resembles Frau O. Bracht, with the same clean-cut beauty, but is a deeper color and heavier flower.

**Plants, \$5.00**

## **Kemp's Purple Wonder—I. D.**

Pansy purple, lavender reverse. **Plants, \$2.00**

## **Kemp's Violet Wonder—I. D.**

Napthaline violet. **Plants, \$.50**

## **Kemp's White Wonder—I. D.**

Pure white. Derrill Hart says in his Honor Roll of 1932. "This big white has been called for two years by the originator White Fort Monmouth and, perhaps, no more fitting description could be given to it. A clear white with very much the same formation as Fort Monmouth and the same long, graceful, wavy petals, it won as Best Undisseminated Seedling in the Open-to-All at Red Bank. **Roots, \$2.00. Plants, \$1.00**

## **\*King of the Blacks—F. D.**

A dahlia of giant size, very free-blooming on long, stiff, natural stems without disbudding. Color is the darkest rich velvet red, almost black, and holds color in any weather. Bush is ideal; low and spreading, with flowers high above bush. On October 8, 1933, at the New Botanical Gardens, it had received the second largest number of votes as to desirability, among more than 1,100 of the best dahlias grown there. **Plants, \$1.50**

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## **Kentucky Red—I. D.**

Bright scarlet. The shade makes this a very desirable flower. It is outstanding in any garden and never fails to bring much comment. The flowers are large and held erect on strong, stiff stems.

**Roots, \$1.00. Plants, \$.50**

## **\*Lawrence Tibbett—F. D.**

1934 introduction—selected by the world renowned Singer at the Dahlia Society of California show at San Francisco, to bear his name. The color is a warm glowing clear peach. Immense blooms 12 to 14 inches with splendid keeping qualities. On 1933 Honor Roll.

**Plants, \$5.00**

## **\*Lois Marion—Inc. C.**

Color is an attractive combination of pink and light buff, the center petals being citron yellow with the outer rows shrimp pink, slashed effect. This is quite a tall grower. Increasingly effective when grown for exhibition purposes. Scored 85 at Storrs in 1932. On American Home Honor Roll for 1933. **Plants, \$2.50**

## **Long Hill—I. D.**

Yellow shading to buff. It is a Jane Cowl seedling and has inherited many of the fine qualities of its parent. Good keeping qualities make it a desirable flower for cutting and exhibition.

**Roots, \$1.50. Plants, \$.75**

## **\*Lord of Autumn—I. D.**

Clear yellow. 1933 Honor Roll. The originator reports blooms of 13 inches across and 9 inches in depth. These enormous blooms are held by long stiff stems high above the plant. Derrill Hart describes it as a sensation. Don't be without this most outstanding dahlia.

**Plants, \$5.00**

## **\*Louise Bates—S. C.**

The color is a beautiful mallow pink, shading to phlox purple in the center. This dahlia was grown on trial in several sections of the country last season and the reports on its behavior were most gratifying. Certificate of Merit at Storrs, it has created a sensation wherever seen.

**Plants, \$2.50**

## **\*Marianna—S. C.**

This is a dahlia of rare beauty and distinction and worthy of wide dissemination. It is a beautiful Amaranth pink with a rich silver sheen which greatly enhances its beauty. The large blooms are held high above the foliage facing, on the best of stems that are long and stiff as a cane. A thrifty grower, with disease and mildew resistant foliage. It produces a tall plant always covered with bloom. This variety produces the best of roots or tubers with strong neck not easily broken. Yes, this is another Certificate of Merit Winner at Storrs, Conn., A. D. S. trial garden. Grown alongside Satan, Palo Alto and other top notch prize winners under natural conditions, Marianna kept pace with the best varieties in size of flower produced.

**Plant, \$5.00**

## **Marmion—I. D.**

Golden yellow.

**Plant, \$.50**

## **Meadowbrook—F. D.**

Mallow purple and pink.

**Plant, \$.75**

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## \***Man O' War—I. D.**

A fine garden variety on account of its splendid habits and one of the best keepers among the large flowered varieties. Color, oxblood red with plenty of glow and life. Scored 86 at Storrs in 1932 and won the American Home Achievement Medal at West Virginia in 1932. On the American Home Honor Roll for 1933.

**Plants, \$3.75**

## \***Miss Belgium—C.**

Coral. Derrill Hart selected this flower for his latest (1934) Honor Roll. He says, "At New York there was a basket of blooms that impressed me as strongly as any basket of dahlias of the year. Not a large flower but possessed of great beauty." **Plants, \$1.00**

## **Monmouth General—I. D.**

Bright henna. Another of Derrill Hart's selections for his Honor Roll for 1932. It is a full petaled flower of great beauty. The long wavy petals darken at the center to a rich terra cotta. Plant is wide spreading and quite prolific of bloom. Large, tough, leathery foliage resistant to insects.

**Plants, \$.75**

## **Monmouth Pennant—I. D.**

Bicolor, orange-scarlet and white. This large spectacular bicolor was selected for the '32 Honor Roll. The brilliant color combination is very striking. The plant is medium to tall grower, well branched and a profuse bloomer.

**Roots, \$2.50. Plants, \$1.50**

## \***Monmouth Queen—F. D.**

In this fine dahlia we have a most pleasing color effect, it being picric yellow in the center of the flowers, with graduation of light primrose to cream yellow rear petals. Flowers are full centered, 10 inches and over across and 4 to 5 inches deep, facing front on long stiff stems. A vigorous grower, wide spreading, with many branches and very prolific of large perfect exhibition blooms from early to end of season. Height 5 to 6 feet. Insect resistant.

**Plants, \$3.00**

## \***Monmouth—Radiance—I. D.**

In this wonderfully beautiful dahlia is presented a color combination of light coral pink with primrose suffusion rear half of petals, giving the flower a brilliant coral pink front effect with deep primrose background that radiates throughout the entire flower. The flowers reach a diameter of 11 inches and over by a depth of 5 to 6 inches, and are held high above the foliage on long stems. Strong robust grower, attaining to a height of 6 to 7 feet, is many branched, and the blooms can be cut with stems up to 4 feet in length. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at the Camden, N. J., Dahlia Society Show, October 9, 1933. Also the Hurley Store Silver Trophy for the most outstanding exhibit in the show. Winner in the single bloom class at Red Bank and Brooklyn. A headliner on the 1933 Honor Roll.

**Plants, \$3.75**

## **Murphy's Masterpiece—I. D.**

Dark red shading toward garnet. One of the largest of the reds. A truly enormous dahlia. A bloom being on record of attaining 17 inches in diameter. This bloom was of course forced but you'll find it one of the biggest in your garden.

**Plants, \$2.00**

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## **Montalvo—I. D.**

Golden bronze. Large graceful blooms held on good stems above a healthy plant. Roots, \$.75. Plants, \$.50

## **Myra Howard—I. D.**

Yellow cadmium and gold with tints of salmon. A wonder plant and a thrifty grower, producing giant flowers on long stiff stems. Won the American Home Achievement medal in 1931 and scored 87 at Storrs' trial grounds.

Roots, \$2.00. Plants, \$1.00

## **New Glory—S. C.**

Bi-color, ox-blood, red tipped with white.

Roots, \$1.00. Plants, \$.50

## **Omar Khayyam—F. D.**

Chinese red shading to bright orange. Plants, \$.50

## **\*Oriental Glory—I. D.**

A strong growing dahlia of good substance and great size. On Mr. Hart's Honor Roll. Cadmium yellow lightly overlaid scarlet making a glowing cadmium orange. Reverse heavily shaded scarlet. Bloom 8 to 11 inches. The best deep orange we have seen to date.

Plants, \$7.50

## **Palo Alto—S. C.**

1932 Honor Roll. Salmon in two tones. Bright pinkish salmon throughout the flower but shading quite perceptibly to a type of salmon gold at the center. Color is positive and clear. Size conservatively 10 to 12 inches across by 6 inches deep. Moderate semi-cactus formation perfect, with centers always closed. Stem stalks tall, straight and long-jointed; blooms freely, early and late. Good substance and lasts well whether growing or cut. Won the American Home Achievement Medal for us at Detroit in 1933 as the best flower in the show regardless of size.

Plants, \$2.50

## **Pastel Glow—I. D.**

White with mallow purple reverse. This flower was on Derrill Hart's 1932 Honor Roll. He says: "A magnificent dahlia. A large, deep, high-centered flower of pastel pink. Against artificial light I have never seen one more beautiful." Roots, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50

## **Perk—S. C.**

Deep red. Very heavy bloomer.

Plants, \$.50

## **Pot o' Gold—I. D.**

Brilliant yellow. A graceful big flower with long wavy petals. Awarded Certificate of Merit at Storrs' trial grounds and was on '32 Honor Roll.

Roots, \$2.50. Plants, \$1.25

## **Pride of Wisconsin—I. D.**

American Beauty color with pointed and irregular petals. A prolific bloomer, having from 4 to 6 blooms at all times during the blooming season with individual blooms being 10 inches and upward in diameter. Rigid disbudding is not necessary to produce enormous blooms. Late blooms equal to early ones. Planted during the third week of May, it will bloom about August 15.

Plants, \$1.00

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## **Prince of Persia—I. D.**

Dark cardinal red. Flower of giant size both in width and depth borne on long stiff stems. A clean healthy grower and an all around good red. Late, start early. **Roots, \$ .75. Plants, \$ .50**

## **\*Princetonian—I. D.**

An informal decorative dahlia with petals blended light orange and coral pink, that twist and curl from an ideal center. A flower 8-11 inches (without forcing) on a stem that is perfect. This dahlia has color, size, stem, neck, large leaf; is good bloomer, good root maker. In short a grand dahlia.

**Plants, \$2.50**

## **Queen of the Garden Beautiful—F. D.**

Primrose yellow.

**Plants, \$ .50**

## **Rajah—I. D.**

Rich red, orange suffusion. A very striking flower as each petal is veined and tipped with gold. A spectacular flower of good size that is sure to bring much comment.

**Plants, \$1.50**

## **Rainbow's End—I. D.**

A new introduction by Walter Bissell. The coloring of this dahlia is all that the name indicates—the petals are scarlet with empire yellow tips and maize yellow reverse. The flowering habits are good and the plant is strong, healthy and insect resisting. Scored 82 at Storrs in 1932, and has won first honors wherever exhibited. We recommend Rainbow's End from every standpoint.

**Plants, \$3.75**

## **Robert Emmett—I. D.**

Cardinal red. A grand flower of giant size and great beauty. It is a perfect open-grower with dark green, insect resistant foliage. Blooms perfectly facing on stiff long stems.

**Plants, \$2.50**

## **\*Robin Adair—I. D.**

A very large, strong upright stem, deep empire yellow with reverse and closed center petals reddish brown. American Home Achievement Medal in 1932. Very good.

**Plants, \$2.50**

## **Royal Flush—I. D.**

Scarlet. Bush low. Always with blooms. **Plants, \$ .50**

## **\*Ruby Taylor—Dec.**

Carmine. This flower is a winner and you must have it to make your garden complete. It has not only taken numerous first prizes, but has a certificate from Storrs. It is an open growing bush with strong straight stems and grows large, full blooms with very little pruning.

**Plants, \$1.50**

## **Rudy Vallee—S. C.**

Grenadine orange red. This flower is large, full centered and is held well above the foliage on long, stiff straight stems. Vigorous growth.

**Plants, \$ .50**

## **Satan—S. C.**

Flaming red. This large red cactus is appropriately named. Flowers are of perfect formation ranging up to 12 inches in diameter. The flowers are held erect on long canelike stems out of strong and healthy bushes.

**Plants, \$1.00**

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## **Sagamore Prince—F. D.**

Carmine and rose red.

**Plants, \$ .50**

## **\*Spotlight—I. D.**

Another 1933 Honor Roll variety of most delightful color, sulphur yellow shading, lighter at the tips, with nearly white reverse. This is a large flower averaging 10 to 12 inches with a high full center, never coming open no matter how late the season. An early, prolific bloomer producing its flowers on long, stiff stems. Also winner of the American Home Achievement Medal in Seattle and Tacoma, Washington.

**Plants, \$3.75**

## **Snow Cap—F. D.**

Pure white. Does not burn.

**Plants, \$ .50**

## **Star of Bethlehem—S. C.**

Pure white. Long pointed petals.

**Plants, \$ .50**

## **Strongheart—F. D.**

Golden orange shading to amber gold. Its size is of generous proportions combined with great beauty. 1932 Honor Roll.

**Roots, \$2.50. Plnats, \$1.25**

## **\*Sultan of Hillcrest—F. D.**

One of the largest and finest dahlias ever grown and a famous member of Dr. Scott's Hillcrest family. Color, strontian yellow with sunrise yellow reverse. Blooms up to 14 inches are not uncommon and the bush habits and foliage are perfect. Scored 85.5 at Storrs Trial Grounds in 1933 and received a certificate. Honor Roll 1933.

**Plants, \$5.00**

## **The Commodore—I. D.**

Yellow. One of the largest flowers ever introduced. Blooms from 12 to 14 inches in diameter. Low bush. One of the most spectacular blooms in our garden.

**Roots, \$ .50**

## **\*The Fireman—I. D.**

Dazzling cardinal red with strips and tips of yellow. This flower was awarded in 1933 a Certificate of Merit at Storrs and was well up in the leaders of the popularity contest at the New York Botanical Gardens. A prolific bloomer.

**Plants, \$3.00**

## **Thomas Edison—F. D.**

Dark royal purple. Hard to beat.

**Plants, \$ .50**

## **\*Washington Giant—I. D.**

The sensation at Portland. Mr. Derrill W. Hart's description of this unusual variety follows: "Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at Portland. Here is a real lavender in a finely formed flower; the blooms are streaked with silver, and as it grew with me, showed silver petaloids near the center of the flower. It is an aptly named flower on extra good stems." Honor Roll.

**Plants, \$2.50**

## **\*Wenoka—F. D.**

Rosy mauve and deep magenta. A sensation at East Lansing Trial Grounds. Certificate of Merit with score of 88. Placed on Derrill Hart's 1934 Honor Roll. A robust, hearty growth; long canelike stems.

**Plants, \$10.00**

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## MINIATURES

### **Baby Beauty—Min.**

As the name implies, this is a miniature Jersey's Beauty on strong, erect stems, possessing all the good qualities of the variety it so closely resembles with better branching habits. Color, violet rose, shaded bright rose pink. This dahlia will make a hit in any flower shop.

**Plants, \$ .75**

### **\*Baby Royal—Min.**

Salmon and apricot. One of the best of the new miniatures. An English introduction that won the Gold Medal at the British National Dahlia Society in 1931. Placed on Derrill Hart's Honor Roll of 1933.

**Plants, \$ .50**

### **\*Carla—Min. S. C.**

Color is buff, heavily shaded old rose and suffused violet rose. The bush growth is compact, making a beautiful background for the perfectly formed miniature semi-cactus with especially full centers. Blooms seem to jet out all over the plant. Will grow about 5 inches if disbudded and fed.

**Plants, \$ .75**

### **Coronne—Min.**

This unique miniature resembles a gardenia and is the best white we have seen. Stems and foliage are excellent.

**Plants, \$ .50**

### **\*Fairy—Min.**

Pink with a suffusion of mauve. This dainty flower can best be described as a miniature of Jersey Beauty with the same beautiful and delicate shading. One of the best cut flowers on strong, straight stems. A good flower for exhibition.

**Plants, \$ .75**

### **\*Jean—Min. S. C.**

One of the most artistic little informal decorative or semi-cactus dahlias we have ever grown. Color apricot buff, suffused soft lilac rose. Bush strong, a compact grower. A beautiful dahlia, similar to the larger flowered variety, California Beauty. A free, early bloomer. You can cut bouquets from one bush two or three times a week from the middle of August until frost.

**Plants, \$ .75**

### **Kentucky Babe—Min.**

The resemblance of this dahlia to Kentucky prompted the name. One of the best miniatures and its wonderful commercial qualities already assure its popularity and desirability for use as a cut flower. Color, salmon suffused and edged old rose.

**Plants, \$ .75**

### **\*Orchid Lady—Min.**

Orchid. A 1934 introduction of great merit. In form it is formal decorative but falls in the class of the miniatures. A fine cut flower and more adaptable for inside decorations than some of the larger varieties.

**Plants, \$ .50**

### **Rene Cayeux—Min.**

A most beautiful red, miniature cactus. Always evokes an exclamation of admiration. Has been growing in favor each year till it seems impossible to satisfy the demand.

**Plants, \$ .50**

## Money Saving Collections

Here is our special for beginners. Four of the finest of the old timers. They are all easy to grow and you are sure to like them. If you have never grown dahlias before or if you have never grown named varieties get a new thrill with our collection No. 1.

### Collection No. 1

	Roots
Jane Cowl .....	\$.50
Jersey's Beauty ....	.35
Jersey's Beacon ....	.35
Sagamore .....	.35
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	\$1.55

All for only \$1.00

### Collection No. 2

	Roots
Montalvo .....	\$.75
Dancing Sultana ...	.75
Jane Cowl .....	.50
Jean Trimbee .....	1.00
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	\$3.00

All for only \$1.75

For descriptions see our general list in another part of this catalog.

### Collection No. 3

	Roots
Dancing Sultana ...	\$.75
White Wonder ....	2.00
Kentucky Red ....	1.00
Jane Cowl .....	.50
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	\$4.25

All for only \$2.50

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### Collection No. 6

	Roots
Myra Howard .....	\$2.00
White Wonder ....	2.00
Hillcrest Mandarin	\$3.00
Kentucky Red ....	1.00
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	\$8.00

All for only \$5.00

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### Collection No. 4

	Plants
Hillcrest Mandarin	\$1.50
Golden Heart .....	1.50
Pastel Glow .....	1.50
Betty Colter .....	1.00
Eagle Rock Superba	1.00
Long Hill .....	.75
Girl of Hillcrest ...	.50
The Commodore ...	.50
Jean Trimbee .....	.50
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	\$8.75

All for only \$5.25

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### Collection No. 7

	Roots
Eagle Rock Superba	\$2.00
Betty Colter .....	2.00
Long Hill .....	1.50
Jean Trimbee .....	1.00
Myra Howard .....	2.00
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	\$8.50

All for only \$5.25

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### Collection No. 5

	Roots
Jane Cowl .....	\$.50
Kentucky Red ....	1.00
Jean Trimbee .....	1.00
White Wonder ....	2.00
Golden Heart .....	3.00
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	\$7.50

All for only \$4.50

### Collection No. 8

	Roots
Prince of Persia ...	\$.75
Golden Heart .....	3.00
Pastel Glow .....	2.00
Betty Colter .....	2.00
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	\$7.75

All for only \$4.50

Plants \$2.25

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## Collection No. 9

### Roots

Jean Trimbee .....	\$1.00
Kentucky Red .....	1.00
Golden Heart .....	3.00
Eagle Rock Fantasy.	2.00
Betty Colter .....	2.00
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	\$9.00

All for only \$5.50

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## Collection No. 10

### Roots

Dancing Sultana ..	\$ .75
White Wonder .....	2.00
Kentucky Red .....	1.00
Jane Cowl .....	.50
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	\$4.25

All for only \$2.50

## Collection No. 11

### Plants

Hillcrest Mandarin	\$1.50
White Wonder .....	1.00
Myra Howard .....	1.00
Pastel Glow .....	1.50
Eagle Rock Superba	1.00
Betty Colter .....	1.00
Kentucky Red .....	.50
New Glory .....	.50
Eagle Rock Fantasy	1.00
Jean Trimbee .....	.50
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\$9.50

All for only \$5.75

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\$2.00

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## Time of Shipment

Roots will be shipped April 15 to June 15; Plants, May 1 to June 10, unless otherwise specified. Orders shipped parcel post or express. Parcel post shipments prepaid, express collect.

## Abbreviations

I. D.—Informal-decorative. F. D.—Formal-decorative. S. C.—Semi-cactus. C.—Cactus. Min.—miniature.

## Terms

Cash with order or 25 per cent down, balance C. O. D. Plants should not be shipped C. O. D. because of the delay.

## Substitution

We do not substitute unless so instructed.

## Planting Directions

With every order, free cultural directions will be included if requested.

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## THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY TRIAL GROUNDS

If you have a seedling you consider to be good, don't fail to send it to the new American Dahlia Society trail grounds at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, as well as Storr's, Conn. At both places a fair scoring will be rendered by competent judges and you can find out how the seedling reacts to the two climates and soils. Trail ground judgings are a protection for the buyer and a proof to the originator as to the quality of his seedling.

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### Join the American Dahlia Society

If you would know more about Dahlias, join the American Dahlia Society and receive the American Dahlia Society Bulletin. Membership dues \$2.00 per year. Send to Mr. C. Louis Alling, Sec., 251 Court Street, West Haven, Conn.

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### Guarantee

We wish to make the following statement in regard to guarantee: anyone who is in any way dissatisfied with anything purchased from us is urged to write and tell us about it. We positively guarantee to replace any root or plant which does not reach you in good growing condition.

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